

February 4, 1983


Memo to File:

RE: Inspection of the
Cane Creek Mine
Atlas Minerals
ACT/019/007
Grand County, Utah

On January 20, 1983 Tom Tetting and Wayne Hedberg of the Division met with Ricky Broschat and Richard Blubaugh from Atlas Minerals to inspect the Cane Creek Mine. Access is provided by traveling southwest along the Colorado River from Moab. At Cane Creek a road turns south eventually winding out of a narrow canyon into an open "park" about 5 miles up creek. A dirt road crosses the creek and follows the south facing cliff gradually climbing the wall. It becomes impassible halfway up and the remaining two miles to the minesite needs to be traversed on foot.

The adits and portals are spread out along this road and cut north into the cliff. Ricky Broschat said that some of the tunnels continue through the point and daylight on the other side where the main waste rock stockpile and pads are located. Although Atlas has indicated use of only five adits all totaled, several more exist on the south side of the cliff. Some scrap and debris exists around the adits. A waste rock pad was constructed at one location and stabilized against the cliff with a steel beam wall. Waste rock, for the most part, has already been washed down the cliff.

Atlas has indicated they intend to permanently reclaim the site in 1983 and relinquish their lease to State Lands. The site is in a majestic area of the Colorado River drainage, has some historical background and looks out at Dead Horse Point State Park. An alternate proposal to reclaiming the property has been given to John Blake at State Lands. This might involve the incorporation of the lease land into the State Park system and turn over the management to State Parks and Recreation. Terry Green at State Parks was contacted on February 4, 1983 about the idea and indicated he was interested. He will carry the idea onward.

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